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Letter dated 9 August 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to the letter addressed to you on 6 August 2007 by Mr. Hoshyar Zebari, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, regarding the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) (see annex), I have the honour to request that the letter be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 9 August 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Baghdad, 6 August 2007

I have the honour to write expressing the desire of my Government to extend the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), recognizing the importance of the role it played in implementing its mandate pursuant to Security Council resolutions 1500 (2003), 1546 (2004), 1557 (2004) 1619 (2005) and 1700 (2006).

During the coming period, the interests of Iraq require that the role of UNAMI should be expanded and activated on both the humanitarian and political tracks, at home and in the region, and that the specialized United Nations agencies, funds and programmes should be brought back to work, each in its area of specialization, to reconstruct and stabilize the country, to contribute to the coordination and delivery of humanitarian assistance pursuant to the obligations contained in the Charter and to launch comprehensive campaigns to address the deterioration of the infrastructure.

The elected constitutional Government of Iraq, therefore, supports the extension of the new mandate of UNAMI for a period of 12 months to offer advice, support and assistance, in accordance with specific mechanisms and with the prior approval of the Government of Iraq, in the following areas:

- Supporting the efforts of the Government of Iraq and the Council of Representatives to review the Constitution and implement its provisions;
- Advising the Government of Iraq and the Independent High Electoral Commission on the development of election and referendum processes;
- Supporting the efforts of the Government of Iraq with regard to national dialogue and comprehensive national reconciliation and ensuring respect for constitutional mechanisms in dealing with contentious cases;
- Supporting the efforts of the Government of Iraq with regard to the facilitation of regional dialogue;
- Protecting human rights and reforming the legal and judicial systems in order to strengthen the rule of law;
- Providing training sessions, workshops and conferences on topics relevant to Iraq, within Iraq;
- Organizing sessions for Iraqi diplomats at United Nations institutes and, in particular, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR);
- Conducting a general population census;
- Addressing the problem of Iraqi refugees and displaced persons, at home and abroad, and coordinating with States and the relevant specialized agencies in order to provide for their needs and create conditions conducive to their return to Iraq;

- Following up on implementation of the International Compact with Iraq and encouraging participating States to implement their commitments;

- Following up on implementation of the decisions of the International Ministerial Conference of the Neighbouring Countries of Iraq held in Sharm El-Sheikh and the three committees which arose from the Conference.

I hope that you will take these observations into consideration when discussing the mandate of UNAMI in the Security Council, in that they represent our view of the future expansion and activation of the mandate of UNAMI.

(*Signed*) Hoshyar **Zebari**
Minister for Foreign Affairs